



Rep. Joe Sosnowski

**Filed: 4/13/2011**

09700HB2568ham002

LRB097 07801 KMW 54475 a

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2568

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2568 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Park District Aquarium and Museum Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 1 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 1290/1) (from Ch. 105, par. 326)

7 Sec. 1. The corporate authorities of cities and park  
8 districts having the control or supervision of any public park  
9 or parks, are hereby authorized to purchase, erect and maintain  
10 within any public park or parks under the control or  
11 supervision of such corporate authorities, edifices to be used  
12 as aquariums or as museums of art, industry, science or natural  
13 or other history, or to permit the directors or trustees of any  
14 corporation or society organized for the construction or  
15 maintenance and operation of an aquarium or museum as  
16 hereinabove described to erect, enlarge, ornament, build,

1 rebuild, rehabilitate, improve, maintain and operate its  
2 aquarium or museum or museums within any public park now or  
3 hereafter under the control or supervision of any city or park  
4 district, and to contract with any such directors or trustees  
5 of any such aquarium, museum or museums relative to the  
6 erection, enlargement, ornamentation, building, rebuilding,  
7 rehabilitation, improvement, maintenance and operation  
8 thereof. Any city or park district may charge, or permit such  
9 an aquarium or museum to charge, an admission fee. Any such  
10 aquarium or museum, however, shall be open without charge, when  
11 accompanied by a teacher, to the children in actual attendance  
12 upon grades kindergarten through twelve in any of the schools  
13 in this State at all times. Any such aquarium or museum in a  
14 county with a population of less than 3,000,000 inhabitants,  
15 however, must be open to the public without charge for a period  
16 equivalent to 26 ~~52~~ days, at least 6 of which must be during  
17 the period from June through August, each year. Any such  
18 aquarium or museum in a county with a population of 3,000,000  
19 or more inhabitants, however, must be open to the public  
20 without charge for a period equivalent to 52 days, at least 6  
21 of which must be during the period from June through August,  
22 each year. Notwithstanding said provisions, charges may be made  
23 at any time for special services and for admission to special  
24 facilities within any aquarium or museum for the education,  
25 entertainment or convenience of visitors. The proceeds of such  
26 admission fees and charges for special services and special

1 facilities shall be devoted exclusively to the purposes for  
2 which the tax authorized by Section 2 hereof may be used. If  
3 any owner or owners of any lands or lots abutting or fronting  
4 on any such public park, or adjacent thereto, have any private  
5 right, easement, interest or property in such public park  
6 appurtenant to their lands or lots or otherwise, which would be  
7 interfered with by the erection and maintenance of any aquarium  
8 or museum as hereinbefore provided, or any right to have such  
9 public park remain open or vacant and free from buildings, the  
10 corporate authorities of the city or park district having  
11 control of such park, may condemn the same in the manner  
12 prescribed for the exercise of the right of eminent domain  
13 under the Eminent Domain Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 94-1055, eff. 1-1-07.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
16 becoming law."